

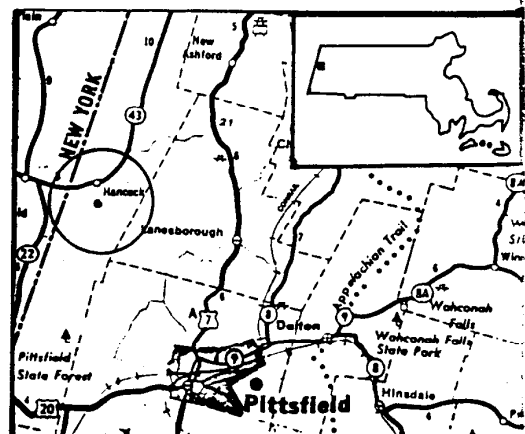
LOCATION

BERRY POND

HANCOCK

9 acres

NOT FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES



BERRY POND (Hancock)

General Information:

This tiny little pond is located in the Pittsfield State Forest, roughly two and half miles south of Hancock center. Maximum depth is ten feet; average depth is five feet. It is a natural pond with a mud bottom and brown water with a transparency of approximately seven feet. Aquatic vegetation is common, but not overly abundant.

Fishermen can park near the beach area located on the northern end of the pond, but there is no formal launching area. Due to the small size of the pond and the fact that the shoreline is entirely accessible, boats are either required or encouraged.

Fish Populations:

This pond was last surveyed in 1983, at which time five species were recorded present: goldfish, brown bullhead, yellow perch, pumpkinseed and golden shiner. Approximately 500 trout are stocked every spring.

Fishing:

Although the yellow perch may provide some limited panfish action here, the only sport fishery is represented by a limited number of stocked trout, available only during the spring months. Fishing pressure is generally light, and despite the lack of fishery resources, the pleasant surroundings make this an attractive pond to visit.

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